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SUB: VIETNAMESE PRESS SPECULATION ON A NEW PEACE AGREEMENT

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1. ONLY ONE STORY APPEARED IN THE SAIGON PRESS JUNE 1 RELATED TO THE RECENT SPECULATION ABOUT THE SHAPE OF A NEW AGREEMENT TO SUPPLEMENT THE JANUARY CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. THE STORY APPEARED IN OPPOSITION DIEN TIN, WHICH HAS PUBLISHED THE MOST DETAILED ACCOUNTS DESCRIBING THE PURPORTED AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY DR. KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO. IT REPORTED THAT A " DIPLOMATIC SOURCE" IN SAIGON (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) SAID MAY 31 THAT THE GVN WOULD GIVE THE US A DIPLOMATIC NOTE ABOUT THE AGREEMENT
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AS WELL AS " A NEW PROPOSAL RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE TPJMC. THE NEW PROPOSAL IS SEEN AS A PROPOSAL SUPPLEMENTING AND FILLING OUT THE DOSSIER OF THE RVN FOR THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL RESUME JUNE 6 BETWEEN KISSINGER AND THO IN PARIS. IT IS THE CONDENSED RESULT OF THE MANY MEETINGS OF THE INNER (I. E., RESTRICTED) GVN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL." DIEN TIN MADE AN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO INFLATE THIS STORY TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF THE MORE SPECTACULAR REVELATIONS OF THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

2. ALL PAPERS HEADLINED OR FEATURED PROMINENTLY THE MAY 30 WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE KISSINGER- THO TALKS WILL RESUME JUNE 6 AND ARE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE JUNE 9 WITH A " DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT." THESE STORIES WERE ALL BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON. THEY GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. ALL PAPERS EITHER HEADLINED OR FEATURED PROMINENTLY REPORTS OF CANADA' S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ICCS. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR GAUVIN' S PRESS CONFERENCE OF MAY 30 IS THE FOCUS OF THESE REPORTS, INDEPENDENT CHINH LUAN GAVE A LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF HIS REMARKS. CHINH LUAN AND OTHER PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED HIS COMMENT THAT MALAYSIA MIGHT BE AN " IDEAL" REPLACEMENT. SUPPLEMENTARY WIRE SERVICE MATERIAL IN MANY PAPERS SPECULATED ON A HOST OF POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS, INCLUDING MOST OF THE NATO POWERS, AUSTRIA, NORWAY, AND COLOMBIA. A FEW REPORTS SPECULATED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON MIGHT ASK FRANCE TO REPLACE CANADA DURING HIS COMING MEETINGS WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENTARY DID NOT TREAT THE RUMORED DRAFT AGREEMENT. CANADA' S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ICCS WAS REGRETTED BY PRO- ADMINISTRATION AND SOME INDEPENDENT DAILIES. OTHER PAPERS TOOK THE COINCIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN' S RECENT TRAVELS, THE COMING PARIS TALKS AND PRESIDENT NIXON' S TALKS WITH POMPIDOU AS A SIGN THAT THE INDOCHINA SITUATION MAY SOON MOVE SUBSTANTIALLY CLOSER TO RESOLUTION.

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